# El Caballero

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## Juniors dominate SA

by Veli Lenman

The newly elected Senior officers and Student Association officers go into office this week. The Senior officers for the spring term are President Doug Lee, Vice-President Debra Binnall, and Secretary Katrina Zoidos. Juniors Dmitri Melhorn and Jef Bekes won the SA elections to become SA President and Vice President.

While the Senior candidates all ran unopposed, Senior class sponsor Mrs. Joan Cone is really pleased with the new senior officers, "those three have really served the class all year and are proven leaders."

The SA elections for the top officers were extremely close. Melhorn and Bekes emerged as the winners. Melhorn stated that he believes "things need doing, and I want to get them done."

Bekes ran for Vice-President because he "was tired of seeing students complaining about what was going on at school and not doing anything about it. I wanted to do something about it." Junior Marisa Gardella will take over the job of SA secretary. Other new officers include Eric McGlothen as Commissioner of Social Affairs, Garret Hayashida, Commissioner of Finance and Veli Lehman, Commissioner of Women's athletics.

Dancers perform at the Dance Recital on Jan. 15 and Jan. 16.

## Seniors chow down

by Jessica Baker

The annual Senior Breakfast was held on the cold morning of January 16, 1987 in the cafeteria.

Sleepy seniors showed up in a variety of forms. Some were wearing long underwear, and others were clad in pajamas, robes and fuzzy slippers. As the doors opened, we could see that the cafeteria tables had been set with place settings , and even flowers. For breakfast we were served scrambled eggs, ham, english muffins, a danish, and a slice of orange. It was an ordinary meal except that it was prepared and served by members of the faculty.

After breakfast came the most notorious part of the morning, the "roasts". "roasts" are a time for your previous teachers to get revenge on those students that they see as having funny personality quirks, unusual habits, or the class cut up. Mr.

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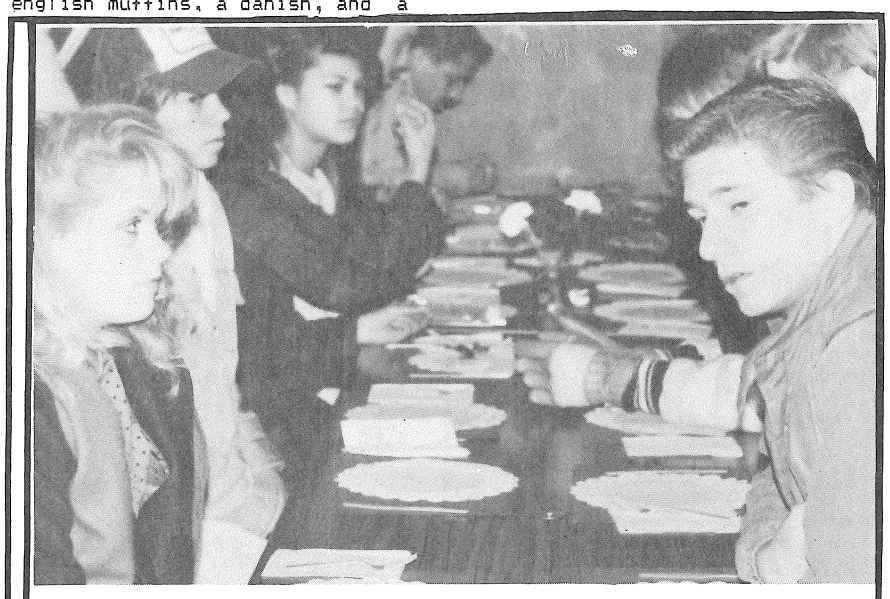


Seniors wait in the cold for their wheaties.

## Eligibility revised

by Jef Bekes

Passing a minimum of five classes and maintaining a 2.0 grade point average is part of the new eligibility policy implemented by the Richmond Unified School District regarding students who wish to participate in extra curricular and co-curricular activities. Those activities effected are athletics, spirit squads, student government officials, pep/marching band, forensics, drama performances, competitions, and specialty performing groups.

The policy met final approval on November 19, 1986, and will go into effect on February 6, 1987. It replaces the old Eligibility Policy listed in the District Basic Commitment, which stated that students must pass all of their classes. According to the new rule, the quarter marks from all classes will be used to compute the G.P.A. Eligibility must be declared on the report card issue date.

## Tardy policy reinforced

by Susan Chiang

As of January 5, each teacher from E.C.H.S. has been instructed to enforce the District Basic Commitment Policy's tardy policy.

Following the DBCP students are given a warning from their teachers on their first and second unexcused tardies. On the third and fourth tardies, a penalty is imposed by the teacher and a note is sent to the dean. It is up to the teacher then to decide whether it will result in a lowered grade on the third tardy. If the tardiness continues then it is the Dean's responsibility to deal with the problem.

Mr. Rossi, an American Experience teacher remarked, "There's a need for consistency and uniformity in enforcement of the tardy policy." Mrs. Blackman commented that the teachers have to enforce the policy because the students just aren't getting to their classes on time. She concluded by saying, "It is the students responsibility for being in class on time."

CORRECTION:

An error was made in the December 19, 1986 edition in the "EC Police Explorers=Future Cops of America" story. Vacation house checks are not done "while the regular police staff is on vacation", as stated last edition. These checks are done by Explorers for members of the community that contact the police department when they're going on vacation and request routine security checks. At no one time does the entire regular police staff go on vacation.

# OPINIONS

## Lunch - cutting plan threatens education

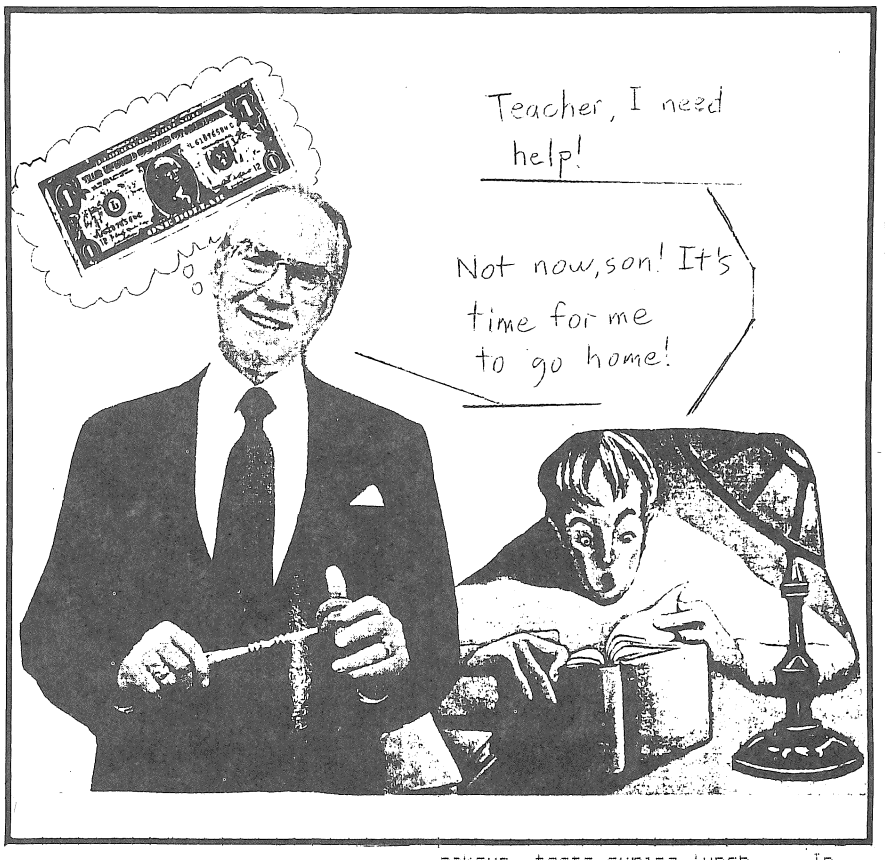
by Andrew Kaplan and Patchen Markell

The EC faculty recently discussed a proposition to shorten the lunch period by ten minutes in order to end the school day ten minutes earlier. We believe that this change, beyond being ultimately meaningless, would actually harm the quality of education at El Cerrito.

According to its proponents, the change would relieve teachers from the state-mandated yearly increases in class length, as well as provide more time for faculty meetings and other after-school business. That's fine. But will the teachers be getting this time at the expense of their students?

Many teachers and students use the lunch period to have one-on-one discussions about class assignments, hold seminars, conduct club meetings, or deal with anything else that cannot normally be done in class. The change would eliminate ten important minutes of this time, reducing opportunities for interaction between teachers and students.

Counselor George Becker believes that this interaction is essential to education. "What's teaching all about if it's not about interaction?" he asked. "I would like to see more time for one on one contact...this proposal depersonalizes a process which is already too impersonal."




Some teachers disagree with Becker's viewpoint. History teacher Ed Francis commented that "students who come to see you either come during the first ten minutes or the last ten minutes. It doesn't matter when those ten minutes are." This may be the case with Mr. Francis' students, but many teachers hold club meetings or conduct period-long makeup tests during lunch. In those cases, the "first and last ten minutes" just doesn't cut it.

Shortening the lunch period to provide an early escape for the faculty might also send the wrong impression to the public and the Education Department. Earlier this year, teachers were begging for justly deserved raises, which they recieved.

Now, as ubiquitous Gaucho philosopher Lance Boyle noted, the teachers are giving a brilliant display of inconsistency and trying to shorten their hours. The message they're sending, says Boyle, is "Thanks for the money, but we're not willing to work for it."

Apart from the educational benefits of a long lunch, there are social issues at stake here as well. Lunch provides a period for relaxation and relief from the stress of classes for both teachers and students. One student, who criticized the proposal, observed that "It's good to relax with your friends for a while and have fun."

Fortunately, the proposal has not yet been adopted. With the help of teachers and students, we can keep it that way. History teacher John Rossi explained that the proposal probably won't be implemented unless all faculty members agree. Apparently, a complaint by one teacher to the local division of the California Teachers Association could present legal problems for the school.

We encourage students to show their opposition to this measure by letting their teachers and administrators know how they feel. We also encourage teachers to fight this proposal at future faculty meetings, and to contact the U.T.R. if necessary. If we let people know how we feel, maybe we can stop this infringement on our right to a decent education.

## High school isn't that bad, after all

by Dmitri Melhorn

People always seem to complain about high school. It seems as though almost everybody whines about the food, which is lousy, and the classes, which can be hard, and the administration, which can be unreasonable at times. Most people keep saying they can't wait till they "get out of here". No one ever seems to really think about the good things and good times.

Our parents reminisce. They always smile and get dreamy-eyed when people mention proms or first dates, or when they think about high school buddies or their favorite school hangouts, etc. High school had a lot of special moments for them, and it does for us too. They've already experienced the outside world that we're so eager to reach, yet they seem to think that their high school years were some of the best years of their lives.

Then there's also the "preparation for life" aspect of school. Although some classes might seem like a waste, some education is going on. After all, each year courses get harder and students learn more. All high school graduates are at least more able to compete in life after high school than those few people who never went to any school after the sixth grade, except for in the cases of the self-educated entrepeneur geniuses. This learning aspect of high school would make it worthwhile regardless of its failings.

More importantly, high school can be fun. Certainly parties are fun, and goofing around during lunch is fun. There's really no other place where you can have that much exposure to other teenagers. High school classes allow a lot more leeway and socializing than either a full time job or college classes. College parties may have a reputation for fun and exitement, but college give out a lot more homework than high school, as well.

Everyone loves to whine, but high school may not deserve all the criticism it gets. Sure it has its faults, but so does everything else, and high school has its good points as well, from fun to friends to education. When our parents look back with fondness on their high school days, maybe their nostalgia is justified. Maybe we should think a while before we get in such a rush to leave what may be the best part of our lives.

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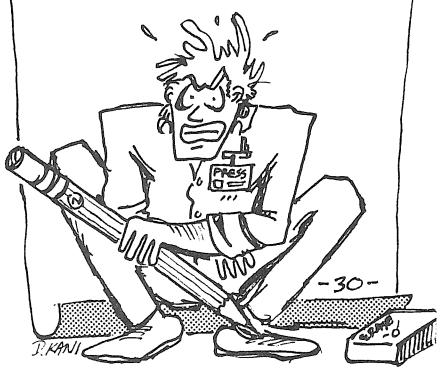

# FEATURES

## Big Bob bumps Bailey

Students and teachers affectionately refer to one of El Cerrito High's revered teachers as "Big Bob" and "Stoneface" but there is more than a stoneface behind Mr. Burris who is retiring this semester.

Burris grew up in Fresno, and graduated from Redley High whre he played guard and offesnsive tackle on the football team. From Redley, he went on to college and majored in economics.

Burris' teaching career began 33 years ago at Clovis Junior-Senior High. From there he went to El Cerrito where he has been ever since. Ironically, Burris stated that he never dreamed that he would be teaching, but the teaching bug bit him.

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Big Bobby honors Big Bob at Senior Breakfast January 16th.

## Newcombe takes a pitch at alcohol

by Tyler Wong

There was a typical high school scene on Thursday, January 15 in the boys' gym. Screaming, yelling and other chaotic activities ensued. Possibly a skeptical look crossed Mrs. Calhoun's face. That's when Mr. Don Newcombe took the stage.

Newcombe, ex-pitcher for the Dodgers, has been travelling across the country lecturing on drugs and alcohol for 2 years. He is in association with New Beginnings, a rehab center. He was the only player ever to win Rookie of the Year, The Cy Young Award, and Most Valuable Player.

Newcome advises EC students.

"I lost my job, my wife was going to leave me, and I sold everything I owned to gambling," said Newcombe to the students. "I had nothing left."

Presently, he is an advisor to Nancy Reagan on drugs and he speaks from experience. In 1962, he was kicked off the team for alcohol abuse. He had an ERA of 3.48 and he lost it.

This quote in the paper cannot describe the power that his words held. He went through his life story, spilling his heart with intense sincerity. He spoke of the spousal abuse and with verbal graphics explained his family's brush with Death when they were hit by a drunk driver. He read articles on accidents involving booze and high school students. When he came to "They found part of their bodies a quarter mile away" the high school scene had left. There was no sign of breathing among my fellow classmates. A magical silence overcame the crowd and the spell caster, Don Newcombe, laid down his final track.

"You owe me something," Newcombe announced."Martin fought for rights but he couldn't make it here. He's dead. Jackie Robinson gained respect for all of us through the sport. He's dead too. Roy Campenela did the same; he's in a wheelchair. But I'm here to collect the debt some of you owe us. And you can start paying by thinking about what I had to say this afternoon."

## Annie Get Your Actors

by Michelle Tang

The tension mounts as the hopeful auditioners crowd around the cast list. A scream -- she made it! A groan -- he didn't. One by one the anxious faces change their expressions to sad, elated, disappointed, or angry.

The cast list for the spring musical, "Annie Get Your Gun" has been posted. Annie, played by junior Liz Palmer, is the star of this production, along with Senior Robin Wilson who plays Dolly, Senior Tom Donaghey as Wilson, and Peter Fosselius as Buffalo two soloists, Hope Singson and Joel Freeman.

Auditions were held Tuesday and Wednesday January 6 and 7, the week of our return to school after Christmas vacation. People auditioning for a leading role sang alone with a song of their choice. There were selections from "New York, New York," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Oklahoma," and "The Wiz." There were also many who auditioned with popular songs such as Whitney Houston's "The Greatest Love Of All."

Those who opted to try out for the chorus were asked to sing rounds of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" by Vocal Instructor Ms. Wigginton.

After that, those people who sang a solo were asked to read a section from the script of "Annie Get Your Gun." This required an accent for Annie and for Sitting Bull, the Indian of the play.

## We are what we hear

by Timothy Davis

Fashion changes as frequently as the Billboard top 10. So much of today's style, attitudes, and appearance is based upon what recording artist is branded " Star " at the current time. In the 20's to early 50's, movie stars were the idols of the teenage eyes. However that changed when colorful song-birds such as Elvis Presly , JERRY Lee Lewis, and the ever flamboyant, Little Richard hit the scene.

In 1982, until early 1983, Michael Jackson swept across the United States with his record breaking album, " Thriller ". He left behind thousands of sequined gloved and red, leather jacket clad, teeny boppers. Gerry curls hit its peak, and the moon-walk found its way to the Earth's soil. However, nothing lasts forever and America found that the year of the glove was being devoured by the year that purple reigned. Prince, the rude dove, cycled onto the movie screen in his semi-auto-biogrphical, blockbuster, "Purple Rain ". Male fans saw Prince as the rebirth of James Dean, his arrogance and egotism all the makings of a modern hero. To his female audience, Prince's erotic, lustfilled, Liberaci-like flamboyance became their idea of the perfect mate. Purple trench coats, ruffled shirts, and suede boots (Prince attire) found their way into male closets.

While the boys were practising twirls , high pitch screeches, and snarls,(all Prince trade marks) girls were trying to find tasteful ways to show off their belly buttons. Madonna, garbed in spike heeled boots and lace tank tops had arrived with all the glamour and sex appeal of Marilyn Monroe. In 1984-1985 every boy wanted to be androgynous, and the girls were happy being a good little boy-toy.

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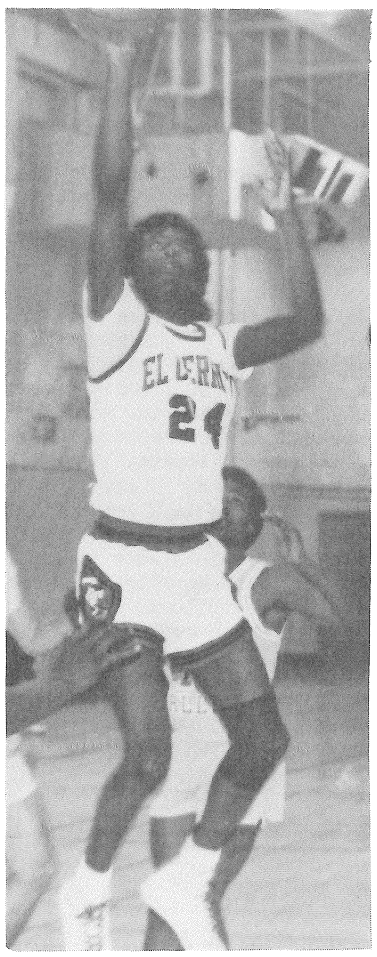
# Men's hoop struggles

by Amy Page

The Gauchos seemed all geared and tuned up for Golden Bay Athletic League play to start. The El Cerrito boys basketball team entered the season on a roll, after winning its last five non-league games. The streak stopped there as EC dropped its first three league games.

The latest loss was at the mercy of the Berkeley Yellowjackets, 64-50, as the Gauchos' record fell to 0-3 in GBAL play, and 8-10 overall.

EC Hoopsters faced Alameda last Friday and will visit Kennedy today for a 6:00 game. (JV action begins at 4:30).



Junior Brandon Lee soars for two of his many.

Berkeley tore away with the lead, 14-2, in the first quarter, but the Gauchos valiantly fought back with a 17-12 second quarter, a hounding press and a third quarter Raymond Ford steal that he put in for a lay-up, bringing the score to 36-35. The Yellowjackets took control, however, from then on to insure their 64-50 win.

Juniors Brandon Lee and David Williams led EC with 12 points apiece as junior Anthony Colbert added 10.

In a previous game against Pinole Valley, the Gauchos staged another comeback in the second half of the game but still fell a bucket short, losing to the Spartans, 50-48.

Down 33-16 at the half, EC came alive with a 14-10 third quarter and a 18-7 fourth. But it wasn't enough and too late. With eight seconds left on the clock, EC had a chance to tie the score, but turned the ball over.

Senior point-guard Ray Ford led EC with 15 points as Lee had 11, Williams 6 and Colbert 5.

Gaucho Coach Chris Huber praised the score of Ford for offense, Junior Terry Thomas for defense and sophomore Charles Brown for rebounding.

El Cerrito suffered a loss in the league opener to No. 6 ranked De La Salle, 84-64. DLS standout Jon Barry, son of Golden State Warrior great Rick Barry, scored 33 points, easily disposing of EC with the aid of his teammates.

Down 49-29 at half-time, an 18-6 burst in the third quarter brought the Gauchos to 55-47 before DLS ran away for good.

Ford scored the team-high with 21 points and Lee put in 15 to lead the Gaucho offense.

Before league play started, EC beat highly-ranked Castlemont of Oakland, 68-54, and knocked off Oakland High, 60-59, in a seesaw game. The Gauchos took first place in the Redwood High Tourney during Christmas vacation.

Junior David Williams was honored as West County Times Athlete of the Week for his outstanding play in the Redwood Tournament.

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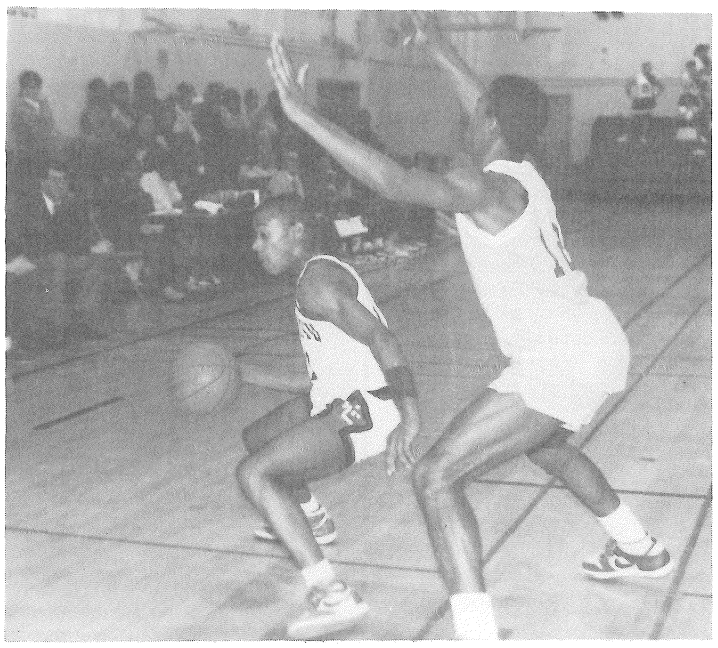


Senior point-guard Ray Ford burns Pinole defense.

# EC soccer gets booted, again

by Jeffrey Pryde

The El Cerrito soccer team has gotten off to a rocky start losing their first five GBAL games. They lost to De La Salle 9-0, Pinole Valley 1-0, Berkeley 4-0, Kennedy 4-1 and Alameda 1-0.

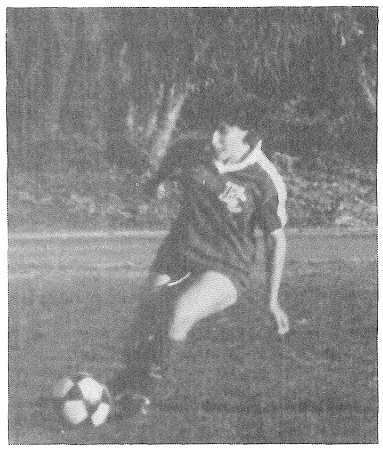
In the De La salle game Junior Chidi Imaga started at Goalie for the Gauchos. It was 7-0 at halftime. Imaga was replaced by Senior Kirk Edwards in the second half and only gave up two goals to a highly talented De La Salle team. However the Gaucho offense could not score and EC lost 9-0. Coach Catao remarks "If the weather conditions were better Chidi probably would not have given as many goals. De La Salle is a great team, we just don't have the talent to match up with them."

EC next played a highly improved Pinole Valley team. Senior Kirk Edwards started at goalie. Pinole scored a goal in the first half and led at halftime 1-0. In the second half EC had a lot of opportunities to score but Pinole's defense held and they lost 1-0.

EC next played the Yellowjackets of Berkeley, another highly talented team. EC played well in the first half and the score at halftime was 0-0. Then in the second half Berkeley, led by all-leaguer Robert Young, scored quickly and Berkeley went on to win 4-0. Catao remarks "We held tough in the first half and then fell apart in the second.

Still looking for a win, the Gauchos next played Kennedy. It was 2-0 at halftime. In the second half Kennedy built up a 4-0 lead. EC then scored on a corner kick from junior Danny Smith. It was the first goal that EC had scored in the GBAL league and the only goal in the last five games. EC however went on to lose 4-1.

EC went to Alameda to play the Hornets. EC played one of their best games of the year. Although both teams had many chances to score they could not. Then with 5:00 minutes left Alameda scored off a break and won 1-0. The winless Gauchos will play Pinole at EC at 3:30. The Gauchos are 0-5 in league and 2-9 overall.



Sophomore Kathy Gutman plays well in an Encinal game which ended in a tie: 1-1. Junior Tracy Dunn scored the only Gaucho goal. The young Gaucho team is now 0-5-1 in league play.

# EC Lady Hoopsters continue domination

by Amy Page

The Gauchos Lady Hoopsters survived a gutsy fourth-quarter Berkeley threat in last Tuesday's 54-48 victory over the Yellowjackets.

The win lifted the No. 2 East Bay ranked girls' basketball team to a 2-0 Golden Bay Athletic League record and 16-1 overall.

The Gauchos played against Alameda Friday night, and will host longtime rivals, the Kennedy Eagles, this afternoon at 4:00. EC plays Pinole on Friday night and travels to Head Royce Saturday for 6:00 and 7:30 games.

The Gauchos led 41-34 at the start of the fourth quarter, and had been in front by twelve in the third (39-27), but the Jackets, coached by Gene Nakamura (EC point-guard Lisa Nakamura's father), chipped away at the score to tie the game at 48-48 with 1:26 left to play.

That was as far as they got, however, as the Gaucho press and steals dominated the rest of the game. With 1:21 left, senior Lisa Nakamura sank both her freethrows to put EC ahead 50-48.

Senior Janet Schultz nailed a difficult turnaround 12-foot jumper with the clock down to 28 seconds, and Nakamura canned two more freethrows for insurance to wrap up the Gaucho victory.

Senior Linda Schultz led all scorers with 18 points. Janet Schultz added 11 and Nakamura had 9. Senior guard Lauren Strickland (8 points), sophomore center Erika Hardwick (6 points) and sophomore forward Vicki Kalu (2 points) rounded out the Gaucho scoring.

In an earlier league game, El Cerrito ran over Pinole Valley with an 85-33 thrashing of the Spartans. All team members scored, as four Gauchos went into double figures.

Hardwick had the game-high with 17 points, Linda Schultz added 15, Strickland put in 14, and Kalu chipped in 11.

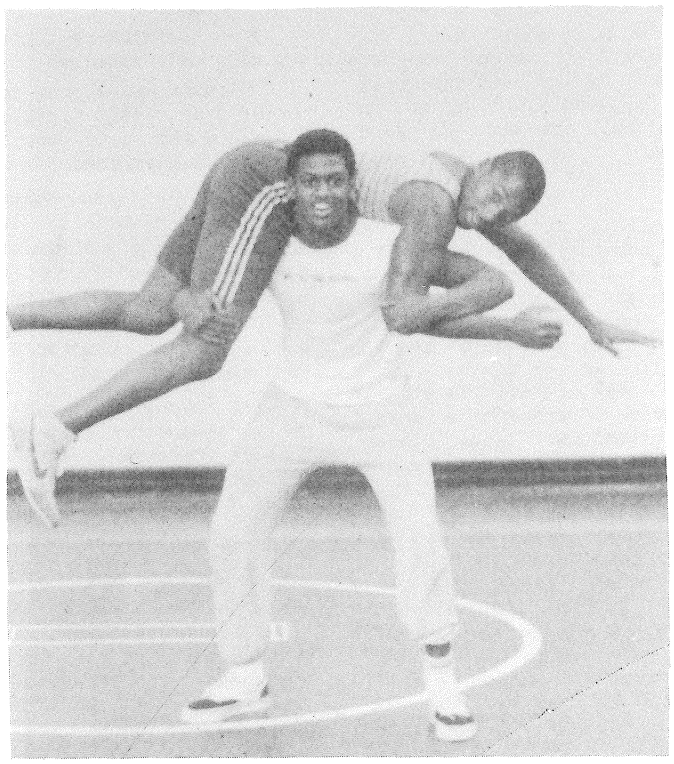
Coach Bill Hardin was pleased with the victory and gave all his girls a chance to play and score, as well as have fun. At one point, he rotated in two line-ups --a short five and a tall five. 5'5" strickland played center, as the tallest Gaucho on the court, when Hardin had five guards in at once. 5'2" Nakamura was in as a forward.

Hardin praised the play of the bench, especially of senior guard Kristine Mayeda. Mayeda scored seven points off a lay-up and a perfect five from the freethrow line.

The GBAL opener against top-ranked Carondelet was cancelled because the Taiwanese flu had struck almost all the Gaucho team members. The game was reschuled for February 17th or 18th. EC and Carondelet will match up before then on February 3rd for a league game.

In preseason ending action, EC thrashed Hogan of Vallejo, 70-24, as Vicki Kalu scored a career high 22 points. Hardwick contributed 16, Linda Schultz 14 and Janet Schultz 14.

The Lady Hoopsters suffered their only loss of the year at the hands of Amador Valley, 44-41. The defeat knocked the previously No. 1 ranked Gauchos into a second rank berth.



Chaun Connors and Roland Evans (about to be slammed) pose for the press.

# Grapplers take down De La Salle

by Craig Wong

The El Cerrito High wrestling team has been doing fairly well, considering the absence of many wrestlers, according to coach Randy Takahashi. He says he is happy with the amount of effort the team members are putting in, resulting in strong individual performances and overall, solid team showing.

In their latest outing, on Thursday, January 22, the Gauchos faced all-powerful De La Salle. El Cerrito surprised the Spartans, and pulled off a major upset. Leading the way for the upset minded Gauchos were 107lb Troy Jennings, 134lb Brian John, 147lb Terry Champion, and 190lb Josanni Goree with pins, and Aaron Greene and Ed Tong with wins in the 114lb and 140lb weight classes.

In the most exciting match of the day, Goree faced off with his opponent in what would be the deciding match. The Gauchos trailed De La Salle 30-26 at that point, and with the third round pin, he locked up the match for EC, as heavyweight Shawn Garrett accepted a forfeit.

At the Albany Invitational, the Gauchos grappled to a respectable 7th place finish. EC was led by second place finishes by Roland Evans and Garrett, and a third place showing by Jennings.

The tournament was riddled by controversial officiating, that may have cost the Gauchos a few matches. In Garrett's championship match, he was called for four stalling points, giving his opponent a 6-5 victory. In CJ Belcher's consolation match, he wrestled to a 5-5 tie, sending the match into overtime. But in overtime, a 2-0 Albany victory was marred by a disputed out of bounds call. When asked about the officiating, Takahashi replied, "The refs have to make judgement calls, and although I didn't agree with some of them, the mistakes were made by the wrestlers, not the referees."

In earlier action, the Gauchos dropped a tough 39-24 decision to league rival Albany. Although the Gauchos outscored the Cougars 24-21 in matches they wrestled, EC had to forfeit matches in three different weight classes, giving Albany the victory. But strong showings were made by Jennings, Belcher, and Chaun Connors, all with pins, and Ed Tong and Evans, who decisioned their opponents.

The Gauchos will host the California School of the Deaf on January 29 at 3:45.

# Rappers rap against drugs

On Monday, January 12, 1987, The School House Rappers performed period 2 in the boys' gym. They used music, dance and rap as an approach to drug education.

Drugs were not their only stand.

"Reality," stated MC Nicholas J, with unquestionable authority, "is what you have to be aware of. You can say all that crap about growing up to be a doctor, but you ain't going nowhere if you don't start moving now!"

His crew, consisting of Tim "Turntable T" alexander, Reggie "Dr. Fresh" Williams, Michael Roy, and Yondon Stevens are either students or graduates of ECHS. They got together about one and a half years ago and have received good responses from the crowds.

They do seem to be making some ground. Their performance was being filmed by Channel 5 for "Hot Streak." Airing date is unknown.

Mrs. Calhoun felt that their act was "well received."

"I think we've done society a lot of good," says Nicholas J,"if we've helped just one person, then we've succeeded."

"I think the message was strongly projected and the kids seemed to like the music. They can relate to the rap and can also be educated on drugs."

To enhance the show, there was a special appearance by The Paul Eugene Dancers.

If anyone needs a DJ for a party or another anti-drug act, contact Michael Roy for DMX productions at (415)233-1828.

## Breakfast CONTINUED

Tobin and Mr. Frances presented each student who got "roasted" with a paper certificate. They announced such "roasts" as "At least I'm taller than Holly Tanaka", to Doug Lee. Mike Proaps got "Hey, why are you following that freshman girl?" Sara Armstrong received "The buffest girl in the class". "I used to be a geek with glasses" went to Joel Weinstein. Jeff Gooding got "I finally got a tackle in the last game". Debbie Binnall and Veli Lehman ended up with "fastest girls in the class" (That is for running and not what you're thinking.) Most of the "roasts" were funny and in good taste.

All in all it turned out to be a memorable Senior Breakfast. And a thanks is owed to everyone who worked to make it a success.

## Burris CONTINUED

Burris loves teaching saying, "I feel I'm giving a step up to students and performing a service. Teaching has been very rewarding for him because he feels that during his tenure at EC he has helped many students.

Burris enjoys teaching economics because he feels it is the only way students can learn about the economy so that they can manage money more effectively. His mock stock market class activity enabled students to experience what it's like working the market.

Burris is proud of many of his students, noting that he has had a Rhodes Scholar and other students who have won numerous scholarships. However, he is a bit disappointed in the change in student attitudes from when he began teaching.

Burris' "Never smile till Christmas" will always be remembered by social science teacher, Mrs. Taylor who was hired largely through the efforts of Bob Burris.

Now that he is leaving he says he will miss the faculty and students very much. But retirement will give him a chance to work on his golf handicap and at TMI Equities where he will sell stocks.

Best wishes for a teacher who really cares.

## Music fashions CONTINUED

Mid 1985 to early 1986 gave America peace of mind when musicians throughout the world told everyone, " We are the world." Thanks to Bob Geldoff, musicians came together to aid the hungry in foreign lands. From California to New York, the population of the United States donned " We are the world " tee-shirts. It seemed americans had found itself a new goal ( or hobby) even though we did not know where exactly the famine relief funds were going. The " Feed the needy" trend came to a slow, yet inevitable end.

In the better part of 1986, the " Beastie " was in " Control " of the " Candy." Two groups and one solo artist made 1986 the year to keep the bass and the beat, " Humpin'." It was a year that could very well go down in history, with the help of Aadrock, M. C. A., and he.

Mike " D." The Beastie Boys pounced upon the rap-rock scene. Three burdens on society that told music listeners " It's time to get ill "(party time), so they did. A party was what everyone wanted, and a party is just what the " Beastie Boys " offered.

But the " Beasties " weren't the only ones, Michael's baby sister, Janet Jackson (in colaberations with former " Time " members Terry Lewis and Jimmy Jam), shed her girl next door image and got " Nasty." Janet proved to be just as talented as elder sibling. Cameo said " Do your dance," because the word was " Word up." Lead singer Larry Blackmon and his trendy crew started their trump to the top of the charts in mid 1985, and are now in the golden spotlight of success.

It is now 1987. What will be next. Guesses can be made, but no one really knows what new attitude the nation will have, or style. So ones best bet would be to keep an ear to the radio, and an eye on music videos.

## Parents dance

by Tina Goldberg

The El Cerrito High School Music Parents Association hosted a "Forever Seventeen" prom on January 24th to raise money for the music department.

Parents Barbara Foster, Pat Dea, and Shirley Shiromoto organized the event. According to ticket chairperson Pat Dea, the fundraiser was "desperately needed". The band department derived $3,000 of its income from Coke sales at Cal football games. When the band lost their concession to Marriot this year, they needed another source of income.

The prom, held in the gym, was open to parents only. The vocal ensemble provided entertainment and a deejay played music from the 1940's, 50's and 60's. A photographer was even present to take pictures. Barbara Foster stated that the MPA hoped to raise $2,000 from the event.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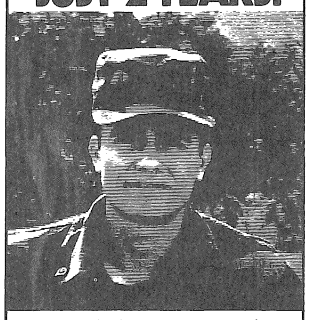

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